

# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
<b>Apr</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 21</b>
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

## Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Sep	1,582,500	223,700
	Oct	1,588,300	225,800
	Nov	1,589,900	227,400
	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,400	228,900
	Feb	1,587,300	228,500
	Mar	1,584,500	227,800
	Apr	1,589,200	228,700

## Iowa Workforce Development

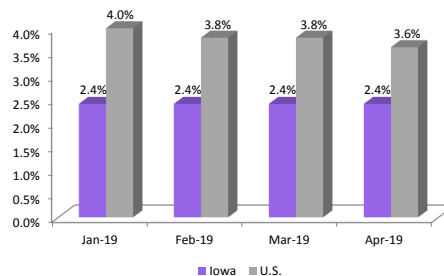
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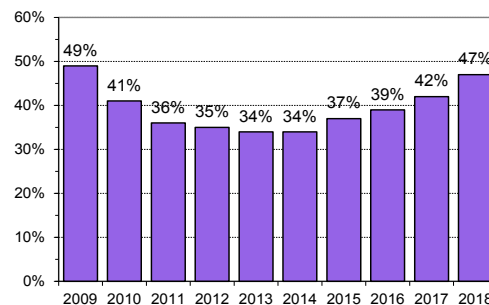
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## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate held steady at 2.4 percent in April. The state's jobless rate was 2.6 percent one year ago.
- The state's unemployment level decreased to 40,400 in April from 40,500 in March.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent in April.

## Iowa Unemployment Insurance Reciprocity Rate



*Insured Unemployed as a Percentage of Total Unemployed.  
[Excludes Special Extensions (EB, EUC, etc.)]*

- The UI reciprocity rate has gradually increased from 34 percent in 2014 to 47 percent in 2018.
- Both total unemployment and insured unemployment have decreased since 2014. The reciprocity rate has risen because total unemployment is decreasing at a faster rate.

- Total nonfarm employment gained 4,700 jobs in April. This is the first job increase of 2019.
- Construction added the most jobs following losses in each of the last two months. This sector gained 2,600 jobs in April.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities added 1,200 jobs. Much of the gain was due to hiring in transportation and warehousing.
- Manufacturing added 900 jobs following losses in February and March. Gains were heaviest in non-durable goods factories (+900).
- Leisure and hospitality pared 900 jobs. Arts, entertainment, and recreation was responsible for most of the loss.
- Financial activities shed 500 jobs and has now lost jobs in three of the last four months.
- Iowa is up 10,900 jobs versus last April. Manufacturing has added the most jobs annually (+7,700).
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment added 263,000 jobs. The largest gains were in professional and business services.

## Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - April 2019

